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Compared to

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In the front of the book known throughout the world as *The Living Bible*, we read:

THE LIVING BIBLE *Paraphrased*

(The word *Paraphrased* is now very seldom used when referring to this book. In fact, in the front of the Children's Edition are the following words: "Now that you have received this beautiful NEW BIBLE . . .")

In the front of the Bible I use, we read:

THE HOLY BIBLE Containing the Old and New Testaments Authorized King James Version

In the *Preface* of *The Living Bible Paraphrased* are these words:

"This book, though arriving late on the current translation scene, has been under way for many years. It has undergone several major manuscript revisions and has been under the

careful scrutiny of a team of Greek and Hebrew experts to check content, and of English critics for style. Their many suggestions have been largely followed, though none of those consulted feels entirely satisfied with the present result. This is therefore a tentative edition. Further suggestions as to both renderings and style will be gladly considered as new printings are called for."

Those who produced the LBP, including the Hebrew and Greek scholars, *are not satisfied* with what they have come up with. They admit changes will be forthcoming with new printings and state that this is "a TENTATIVE EDITION." Who knows what they may say in the next edition?

In the Bible I use—which I have studied countless hundreds of hours and preached from hundreds and hundreds of times—I do not see one word about any changes in future editions. My Bible is the SAME today as it was when I was BORN AGAIN forty years ago. The REASON THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN FUTURE EDITIONS is stated in Psalm 119:89: "FOREVER, O Lord, thy WORD is SETTLED in heaven"!

THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD!
The Bible does not just CONTAIN the Word of God . . . THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD. EVERY WORD IS GOD-BREATHED – VERBALLY INSPIRED! There has been NO ADDITION to God's Word since He spoke to John the Beloved on the Isle of Patmos and gave to him the Book of Revelation.

The book known as *The Living Bible Paraphrased* is actually the INTERPRETATION of a minister, Dr. Kenneth Taylor. But the masses of people do not know this; they refer to his book as "The Living Bible." The College Edition has on the front cover "*THE WAY – The Living Bible Illustrated*," which is misleading. There is no suggestion in the title that "THE WAY" is anything but the INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD!

I believe every man is free to interpret the Scriptures according to what he sees in the verse, chapter, or book. BUT HE SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WORDS ADDED TO – OR TAKEN AWAY FROM – THE SCRIPTURES are *his interpretation* of the Scriptures, and not the INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD!

LET THE WORD OF GOD SPEAK CON-

CERNING ADDING TO, AND TAKING FROM,
THE WORD OF GOD! In II Peter 1:16-21 we
find these words:

“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

“And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

“Knowing this first, that *no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*”

NOW READ THESE INSPIRED WORDS
in Revelation 22:18, 19:

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, *If any*

man shall add unto these things, GOD SHALL ADD UNTO HIM THE PLAGUES that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY HIS PART OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

I am fully persuaded in my heart that the Bible is **THE WORD OF GOD**. The Bible is **DIFFERENT** from any other book on earth. It is the **ONE** supernatural Book, the **ONE** Book that our **SOVEREIGN GOD** gave to man through His **INSPIRED SERVANTS**, "holy men of old." God spoke to these holy men by His Spirit, and they penned down what God said to them. I believe the Bible is the **VERBALLY INSPIRED WORD OF GOD, INERRANT**(without error).

I believe the *King James Version* of the Bible is the **NEAREST TO THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS** of any translation on earth today. I believe God has protected **HIS WORD**, and I believe the **KJV** is the **ONE** believers should study and live by today. The message of the **KJV** brought me out of the depths of sin and put me into the family of God nearly forty years

ago. I have *preached* from the KJV for nearly forty years. I have used no other version, and I do not intend to begin now—and I have seen tens of thousands come to the knowledge of salvation through the message of saving grace set forth in the King James Version.

Since God is the Author of His Word, you will never convince me that He would use statements like these in His HOLY BOOK:

“Talk is cheap.”

“This is wonderful stuff”—speaking of the water changed to wine at the marriage feast (John chapter 2).

“You illegitimate bastard, you!” (John 9:34).

Can you force yourself to believe the HOLY SPIRIT would dictate these words in I Samuel 20:30: “You son of a bitch”?

Statements such as these come from the lips of men in bars, in the gutter—NOT FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I do not want my Bible to read like ANY OTHER BOOK. I want the rich, beautiful, reverent, and respectable language such as is found in the King James Version of the Bible. I want words like “thee,” “thou,” “yea,” “nay,” “shalt,” etc. in the Bible I read and study.

We do not need to bring the Bible up to date. The Bible is far ahead of all of us—“*In the beginning* was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” “From everlasting to everlasting thou art God.” The WORD OF GOD *has been* and WILL BE FOREVER.

The *Living Bible Paraphrased* is advertised as making the Bible *easy to understand*. In the Children's Edition Dr. Taylor has this to say to the CHILDREN:

Dear Young Friends,

You have heard it said that the Bible is a great book to read, and I agree. Now that you have received this beautiful new Bible, this would be a good time for you to start to read it all the way through.

This Bible is written in easy words, so you can understand all of it if you read carefully.

Kenneth N. Taylor

“UNDERSTAND ALL OF IT”?? I have never met a man that claimed to understand “ALL OF IT (the Bible).” There is only ONE WAY for a CHILD OR ANYONE ELSE TO

UNDERSTAND ANY OF THE BIBLE, and that is through the enlightenment of the *Holy Spirit*, as taught in I Corinthians 2:10-14:

“But God hath revealed them unto us *by His Spirit*: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so *the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God*.

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which *the Holy Ghost* teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

“*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*”

The Holy Spirit is the ONLY ONE WHO CAN TEACH US AND SHOW US SPIRITUAL TRUTHS.

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As space permits, I will give a comparison of as many verses in the *King James Version* and the *Living Bible Paraphrased* as is possible

(although they are far too numerous to mention *all* of them in this small booklet). I will give first the King James Version (KJV) and then the Living Bible Paraphrased (LBP). We will begin at the beginning, the Book of Genesis:

Genesis 1:1

KJV — “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

LBP — “*When God began creating the heavens and the earth.*”

Hebrews 11:3 clearly tells us “that the worlds were framed by the Word of God” — God spoke, and the world, the earth, *was!* — “...so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”

God *spoke* . . . the world *was*. God did not “*begin* to create.” God said, “Let there be . . .” — and it *was!*

Genesis 1:2

KJV — “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep”

LBP — “*The earth was at first a shapeless, chaotic mass*”

God did not create this earth “without form, and void.” “For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God Himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, *He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited...*” (Isaiah 45:18). How could God, who is almighty, righteous, perfect, and WITHOUT A FLAW, create a shapeless earth, covered with darkness? Common sense teaches that God COULD NOT create imperfection!

Judgment struck the earth when God cast Lucifer out of heaven. (Read Ezekiel 28:11-15; Isaiah 14:12-15; Isaiah 24:1; Jeremiah 4:23-26.)

Then God brought order out of chaos and restored the earth to its present state approximately 6,000 years ago when He created Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden. This was over a period of six days.

Many scientists state that coal, oil, and rock formations in the heart of this earth are millions of years old. PUT ALL THE MILLIONS OF YEARS YOU WANT TO BETWEEN GENESIS 1:1 and Genesis 1:2, and you do not damage the Word of God. “*IN THE BEGINNING God created... the earth.*” How many millions (or billions) of years ago that was, no one knows—only God, who is “from everlasting”:

“Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God*” (Psalm 90:1,2).

Genesis 6:8

KJV – “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”

LBP – “*But Noah was a pleasure to the Lord.*”

GRACE is unearned, unmerited, undeserved FAVOR from God. There is a vast difference between GRACE and *pleasure*.

Genesis 7:1

KJV – “And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark....”

LBP – “*Finally the day came when the Lord said to Noah, ‘Go into the boat with all your family....’*”

There is *quite a difference* between “COME THOU . . . INTO THE ARK” and “GO INTO THE BOAT.”

When the Lord said, “COME THOU,” that indicated the Lord was *already IN THE ARK*—

AND HE WAS! The ark is a beautiful type of Christ, and God was "IN CHRIST, RECONCILING THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF..." (II Corinthians 5:19).

I believe God said, "COME THOU"! I do not believe He said, "GO INTO THE BOAT"!

Genesis 49:10

KJV—"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh (Jesus) come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."

LBP—"The scepter shall not depart from Judah until Shiloh comes, whom all people shall obey."

All great Bible scholars of the past and present believe, and *teach*, that SHILOH is *Jesus*. He did come; the people by the tens of thousands have gathered to Him and around Him. But there is *quite a difference* between "*unto Him shall the gathering of the people be*" and "WHOM ALL PEOPLE SHALL OBEY." Very, very few obeyed Him!!!

I Samuel 20:30

KJV—"Then Saul's anger was kindled against

Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?"

LBP—*"Saul boiled with rage. 'You son of a bitch!' he yelled at him. 'Do you think I don't know that you want this son of a nobody to be king in your place, shaming yourself and your mother?'"*

To be the son of a "perverse rebellious woman" is quite different from being *the son of a female dog*. The dictionary defines "*bitch*" as "a female dog or other canine animal." Then it adds, "Bitch is SLANG for a spiteful or lude woman."

Since "*HOLY MEN OF GOD spake as they were moved by THE HOLY GHOST,*" Samuel was the HOLY MAN through whom the HOLY SPIRIT gave us the Book of I Samuel—and you will never get me to believe the HOLY SPIRIT SAID WHAT THE LIVING BIBLE PARAPHRASED SAYS, namely: "You son of a bitch." This same statement is in the *CHILDREN'S EDITION OF THE LIVING BIBLE*.

God forbid that I ever suggest the Holy Spirit used SLANG or gutter language!

I Kings 18:27

KJV — “And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.”

LBP — “*About noontime, Elijah began mocking them. ‘You’ll have to shout louder than that,’ he scoffed, ‘to catch the attention of your god! Perhaps he is talking to someone, or is out sitting on the toilet, or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be wakened!’*”

This is the account of Elijah inviting the prophets of Baal to put their gods to test against his God, Jehovah; the God that answered by fire would be the TRUE GOD. (Read I Kings chapter 18, and you will see the entire picture.) The prophets of Baal built an altar and called loudly to Baal from morning until noon—but no answer came. It was at this point that

Elijah sarcastically told them to call louder, suggesting that it could be their god was on a journey, or asleep.

THE LIVING BIBLE PARAPHRASED CERTAINLY ADDS A REAL “*ENLIGHTENING*” BIT OF INFORMATION TO THIS VERSE WHEN IT SAYS: “...Perhaps he (Baal) is talking to someone, or is out *sitting on the toilet*....” Wouldn’t that be a nice verse to read on a Sunday morning in God’s house? Does that add dignity and LIGHT to God’s Word? I will let you answer!

II Kings 21:6b

KJV — “... he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.”

LBP — “... *So the Lord was very angry, for Manasseh was an evil man, in God’s opinion.*”

THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY DOES NOT FORM “OPINIONS.” GOD KNOWS IF A MAN IS GOOD OR BAD!

II Chronicles 26:4

KJV — “And he did that which was right

in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did.”

LBP—“He followed in the footsteps of his father Amaziah, and was, in general, a good king so far as the Lord’s opinion of him was concerned.”

AGAIN I SAY, GOD ALMIGHTY DOES NOT FORM OPINIONS CONCERNING MEN OR ANYTHING ELSE. God is OMNISCIENT and KNOWS THE VERY THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART! *Only MAN forms OPINIONS!* God KNOWS whether a man is good or bad!

Can you not see the subtleness of this, dear friend? Liberals would like to *demote* God to man, but thank God, *they cannot!* He said, “...FOR I AM GOD, AND NOT MAN!...” (Hosea 11:9).

Job 3:26

KJV—“I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.”

LBP—“I was not fat and lazy, yet trouble struck me down.”

How do you like that for making the Bible

clear to the common man, the ordinary person?

Psalms 34:20

KJV — “He keepeth all His bones: not one of them is broken.”

There are many prophecies in the Psalms concerning *Jesus and His death on the cross!* EVERY FUNDAMENTAL BIBLE TEACHER SINCE THE APOSTLES has known and taught that THIS SCRIPTURE IS REFERRING TO JESUS ON THE CROSS. *Now notice what the Living Bible says:*

LBP — “God even protects Him from accidents.”

DO YOU BELIEVE THE CROSS WAS AN ACCIDENT? DO YOU BELIEVE AN ACCIDENT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO JESUS THERE???

NO — you do not believe there would have been an ACCIDENT connected with JESUS AND HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS!

Note carefully the record given in John 19:32-37:

“Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus, and

saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

“For *these things were done, THAT THE SCRIPTURE SHOULD BE FULFILLED, A bone of Him shall not be broken.* And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”

THERE ARE NO ACCIDENTS WITH GOD ALMIGHTY. JESUS DID NOT HAVE ANY ACCIDENTS while here upon this earth; HE COULD NOT HAVE HAD ONE ON THE CROSS. Jesus *laid His life down* for poor lost sinners (John 10:17, 18). *His death was not an ACCIDENT!*

Jeremiah 31:22

KJV — “How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.”

Here we have the words given to Jeremiah by the Holy Spirit pointing to the virgin birth of the Messiah, the One who will bring Israel

into their OWN LAND which was promised to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-7). (This will happen when Jesus comes as prophesied in Zechariah chapters 12 through 14.)

The "NEW THING" *did* happen. A woman, THE VIRGIN MARY, did "COMPASS a Man," THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY BE-GOTTEN SON OF GOD.

Now look at Dr. Taylor's Paraphrase:

LBP—"How long will you vacillate, O wayward daughter? For the Lord will cause something new and different to happen—Israel shall seek him!"

These same words are in the Children's Edition, of course—and I wonder how many children know the meaning of "*vacillate*"? "*Waver*" is a synonym of "*vacillate*." Why not use this word IF THE DESIRE WAS TO MAKE THE BIBLE EASY TO UNDERSTAND???

According to the LBP, the "NEW THING" created in the earth is that "Israel shall seek him." I cannot for the life of me see any connection whatsoever — "*Israel shall seek him*"... "A WOMAN SHALL COMPASS A MAN."

To "COMPASS" MEANS TO "go around; make a circuit of; CIRCLE" (The American

Heritage Dictionary). *Jesus was “COMPASSED” by Mary.* To the Virgin Mary, Gabriel said: “...thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS.... The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: THEREFORE ALSO THAT HOLY THING WHICH SHALL BE BORN OF THEE SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD” (Luke 1:31, 35). The Virgin Mary COMPASSED a Man apart from man – A NEW THING IN THE EARTH! NEW BECAUSE IT HAD NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE, AND IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!

Ezekiel 2:1

KJV – “And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.”

LBP – “And he said to me: ‘Stand up, son of dust, and I will talk to you.’”

All through the Book of Ezekiel, “*son of dust*” is used instead of “son of man.”

Zechariah 2:8

KJV – “...he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye.”

LBP—“... he who harms you sticks his finger in Jehovah's eye!” ”

The “apple of God's eye” was *Israel*. The LBP gives this an entirely different meaning.

Zechariah 9:9

KJV—“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”

LBP—“‘Rejoice greatly, O my people! Shout with joy! For look—your King is coming! He is the Righteous One, the Victor! Yet He is lowly, riding on a donkey's colt!’”

I cannot see where it makes the Bible any more simple, or any easier to understand, by leaving out “AND HAVING SALVATION.” After all, that has been—and is—the CENTER of God's program “from everlasting to everlasting.” But they left out “and having salvation.”

Zechariah 13:6, 7

KJV—“And one shall say unto Him, What

are these wounds in thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Awake, O sword, against my Shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones."

LBP— "And if someone asks, "Then what are these scars on your chest and your back?" he will say, "I got into a brawl at the home of a friend!" 'Awake, O sword, against my Shepherd, the man who is my associate and equal,' says the Lord of Hosts. 'Strike down the Shepherd and the sheep will scatter, but I will come back and comfort and care for the lambs.'"

ALL GREAT BIBLE SCHOLARS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT agree that this prophecy speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ and His second coming, when He will stand on the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4). The "wounds" are those received when Jesus was crucified. The King James Bible tells us the wounds are in His

hands, the scars He received when His hands were nailed to the cross for your sin and mine.

The LBP tells us the scars were on His *chest and back*, received in a "BRAWL" at a friend's house! A footnote at the bottom of the page says they were "evidently self-inflicted cuts, as practiced by false prophets"!

In verse 7, "my Shepherd" could be none other than "the Good Shepherd," the Lord Jesus Christ (John 10:11). Neither the devil nor any false prophet could be called "the Shepherd of the sheep." When the Shepherd is smitten, the *sheep* are scattered, not the goats; therefore this could not refer to a false prophet, as stated in the footnotes in the LBP. To me, this footnote is *blasphemy*. Read it for yourself: "*That this is not a passage referring to Christ, is clear from the context. This is a false prophet who is lying about the reason for his scars.*"

Where can be found one verse of God's Word, or even a *part* of a verse, to give ANYONE grounds for making a statement like this about this GREAT PROPHETIC PASSAGE?

Israel will see Jesus when He stands upon the Mount of Olives; they will see the scars in His hands; and that day they will receive Him as their Messiah.

ONE OTHER POINT needs consideration in this passage: “AND ONE SHALL SAY UNTO HIM” There is no “IF” in the KJV. But the LBP reads: “*And IF someone asks*” That is, there is a possibility that the question will not be asked at all.

DOES THIS KIND OF TRANSLATION—OR PARAPHRASE—MAKE THE WORD OF GOD CLEARER OR MORE EASILY UNDERSTOOD? The LBP was supposed to make the Bible more readable—but accuracy of the infallible Word of God should never be sacrificed for readability.

Matthew 1:25

KJV — “And (Joseph) knew her not (that is, Mary remained THE VIRGIN MARY) until she had brought forth her first-born (PLEASE NOTE—FIRSTBORN) Son: and he called His name JESUS.”

LBP — “*But she remained a virgin until her Son was born; and Joseph named Him ‘Jesus.’*”

The King James Version makes it clear that Jesus was Mary’s first child—“her *firstborn*.” It certainly does not help this verse to take out

the word “FIRSTBORN,” as does the LBP.

Matthew 5:20

KJV — “For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

LBP — “‘But I warn you—unless your goodness is greater than that of the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders, you can’t get into the Kingdom of Heaven at all!’”

In this very important passage in the Sermon on the Mount, the great Bible term “*righteousness*” is removed and the word “GOODNESS” substituted. *Goodness* implies being saved by works, but man’s goodness and good works cannot save him. According to God’s Holy Word, the only way for anyone to become righteous is by *imputation*—and only God can *impute righteousness* (Romans 4:6). ONLY GOD can declare a man **RIGHTEOUS**.

Matthew 6:10

KJV — “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

LBP—“We ask that your kingdom will come now. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven.”

Those who are not premillennial in belief do not believe in a **LITERAL KINGDOM**; they believe only in a *SPIRITUAL kingdom*. But all who believe that Jesus will sit on the throne of David and reign 1,000 years, strenuously object to the word “NOW” being inserted into the text of the Scripture here. The kingdom of God is within you and is *spiritual*, but the *kingdom of heaven* will be *right here upon this earth after the Rapture of the Church*.

Matthew 6:13

KJV—“And **lead** us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

LBP—“Don’t bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One. Amen.”

These are the closing words of *the model prayer*, referred to by most people as *The Lord’s Prayer*. How does it make the Word of God any easier to understand by leaving out “for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever"? Ask those who took it out; let them tell you! *It does NOT make God's Word clearer. It strips the Father of His "kingdom . . . power, and . . . glory"!*

Matthew 6:33

KJV — "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

LBP — "And He will give them to you if you give Him first place in your life and live as He wants you to."

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LEFT OUT OF THIS VERSE ALSO.

Matthew 9:13

KJV — "But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

LBP — "Then He added, 'Now go away and learn the meaning of this verse of Scripture, "It isn't your sacrifices and your gifts I want—I want you to be merciful." For I have come to urge sinners, not the self-righteous, back to God.'"

“REPENTANCE” is removed from this verse. The doctrine of repentance has been under attack for many years. With each new translation of the Bible, the words “repent” and “repentance” have been used less and less. The LBP continues to practice the elimination of these important words.

Matthew 17:21

KJV — “Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.”

LBP — “*‘But this kind of demon won’t leave unless you have prayed and gone without food.’”*

Now notice the words in the Gospel of Mark:

Mark 9:29

KJV — “And He said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.”

LBP — “*‘Jesus replied, ‘Cases like this require prayer.’”*

Why not be CONSISTENT? If the Holy Spirit gave *Matthew* the words he penned down, and if the Holy Spirit gave *Mark* the words *he* penned down, DON'T YOU THINK THE HOLY

SPIRIT WOULD HAVE GIVEN TO THEM THE SAME TRUTH? According to the *King James Version* He *did* give them the same truth. But the LBP is inconsistent. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CONSISTENT!!!

Matthew 20:16

KJV — “So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.”

LBP — “‘*And so it is that the last shall be first, and the first, last.*’”

You will notice “for MANY BE CALLED, BUT FEW CHOSEN” is left out here. WHY?? Could it be that they believe ALL MEN ARE SAVED? *Some do!*

Matthew 20:22

KJV — “But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto Him, We are able.”

LBP — “*But Jesus told her, ‘You don’t know*

what you are asking! Then He turned to James and John and asked them, 'Are you able to drink from the terrible cup I am about to drink from?' 'Yes,' they replied, 'we are able!'"

Notice—"...drink from the terrible cup...."
Jesus did not *drink* from the cup. HE DRANK, NOT FROM IT, BUT ALL OF IT!

"The BAPTISM THAT I AM BAPTIZED WITH" speaks of THE DEATH OF JESUS ON THE CROSS. *It is not mentioned at all in the LBP! WHY?*

Matthew 21:44

KJV—"And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken...."

LBP—"All who *stumble* (NOTE—STUMBLE) on this rock of truth shall be broken...."

The "stone" is JESUS! ONE DOES NOT "STUMBLE" ON THE ROCK CHRIST JESUS! This sounds as if a person STUMBLES INTO HEAVEN! But wait a minute—the definition of "*stumble*" is: "To TRIP in walking, running; to STAGGER BECAUSE OF A FALSE STEP; to come or happen by CHANCE; A FALSE

STEP" (Webster). Does one trip, stagger, take a FALSE STEP, or BY CHANCE fall on Jesus THE ROCK for salvation? I THINK NOT!

The definition of "FALL" is: "TO PASS DOWNWARDS FREELY; TO DROP..." (Webster). There is a great deal of difference between the two words.

One Scripture is sufficient to show you what I mean: "Then he called for a light, and SPRANG IN, and came TREMBLING, AND FELL DOWN BEFORE PAUL AND SILAS, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:29, 30).

The Philippian jailer did not take a "false step"—HE TOOK THE RIGHT STEP! He was convicted in his heart that Paul and Silas were Christians, and he FELL in humility at their feet and asked them to tell him how to be saved. You do not *stumble* on Christ for salvation—YOU FALL ON HIM IN HUMILITY!

Luke 2:7

KJV—"And she (Mary) brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger...."

LBP—"And she gave birth to her first child,

a son. She wrapped Him in a blanket and laid Him in a manger. . . .”

Some will ask, “What difference does it make whether Jesus was wrapped in ‘SWADDLING CLOTHES’ or a ‘blanket’?” Consult your dictionary and you will see there is a great difference between the two. But the thing that really matters is not what Mary wrapped Jesus in, but that **THE WORD OF GOD HAS BEEN CHANGED.**

Luke 23:42

KJV — “And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”

LBP — “*Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.’”*

“LORD” is left out here. This is deadly. The thief learned that Jesus was LORD through the words Jesus spoke while on the cross, and the thief confessed Jesus as his LORD. “... NO MAN CAN SAY THAT JESUS IS LORD, BUT BY THE HOLY GHOST” (I Corinthians 12:3). Men can, and have, confessed Jesus *as a Man* apart from the Holy Spirit; but no man can confess Jesus as “*Lord*” apart from the Holy Spirit!

John 1:14

KJV — “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

LBP— “And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth. And some of us have seen His glory—the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father!”

“Only begotten” is left out. It is so phrased in this verse and many others as to avoid the doctrine of the supernatural birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. “ONLY BEGOTTEN” speaks of the ETERNAL GENERATION of the SON OF GOD . . . HIS PREEXISTENCE. No man has a right to strip Jesus Christ of His deity.

John 1:17

KJV — “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

LBP— “For Moses gave us only the Law with its rigid demands and merciless justice, while Jesus Christ brought us loving forgiveness as well.”

In the lives of Adam and Eve, Abel, Noah, Abraham, David—and all through the Old Testament—we see God acting in mercy and grace. But throughout the LBP the doctrine of grace is weakened. Many times the word “grace” is removed and words such as “*forgiveness*” (here in this verse), “kindness,” and “blessing” are substituted.

John 2:4

KJV — “Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come.”

LBP — “‘I can’t help you now,’ He said. ‘It isn’t yet my time for miracles.’”

Everyone who knows anything about the Word of God knows that “MINE HOUR” (*His* hour) was *the CROSS* — not working miracles. Jesus worked many miracles, but MIRACLES were not “mine hour.” The Bible is clear that the very *words* of Scripture are inspired (II Timothy 3:16), and because of this every word is important. What right has any man to take “mine hour” (*the cross*) out of this verse of Scripture?

John 2:10

KJV — “And saith unto him, Every man at

the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.”

LBP—“‘This is wonderful stuff!’ he said. ‘You’re different from most. Usually a host uses the best wine first, and afterwards, when everyone is full and doesn’t care, then he brings out the less expensive brands. But you have kept the best for the last!’”

This was at the marriage in Cana, where Jesus worked His first miracle. The LBP uses the common language of the street in speaking of the wine made from water. It is degrading to me to think that the Holy Spirit would have John write down these words, “*wonderful stuff.*”

John 3:14

KJV—“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.”

LBP—“And as Moses in the wilderness lifted up the bronze image of a serpent on a pole, even so I must be lifted up upon a pole.”

I must say it *shocked* me when I read in the LBP that Jesus was crucified on a POLE instead of a CROSS.

John 6:69

KJV – “And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”

LBP – “*‘And we believe them and know you are the holy Son of God.’”*

WHO has the RIGHT, OR AUTHORITY, to remove “THAT CHRIST” and “THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD” from a verse of God’s Word? Each dedicated believer is a “holy son of God,” BUT ONLY CHRIST is THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD. “CHRIST” is His name of Deity; “Jesus” is His earthly name. He was HOLY, but He was also GOD IN FLESH . . . THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD! “*That Christ, the Son of the living God*” should not have been taken out of this verse.

John 9:34

KJV – “They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins,

and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.”

LBP—“‘You illegitimate bastard, you!’ they shouted. ‘Are you trying to teach us?’ And they threw him out.”

In chapter 9 of John’s Gospel we have the account of Jesus healing the man born blind. The Pharisees wanted him to give *God* the praise and *denounce Jesus*. But the man would not do this. The Pharisees became angry and turned on him and began to abuse and ridicule him. They said, “Who are *you*? You are a miserable wicked creature, born in sin. You have suffered all of your life because of sin—yet you presume to teach *us*, the religious leaders in Israel! Do you think you know more about spiritual things than *we* know?” The words in the LBP—“*You illegitimate bastard, you!*”—do not convey the true meaning of the verse.

John 13:26

KJV — “Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when He had dipped the sop, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.”

LBP—“He told me, ‘It is the one I honor by giving the bread dipped in the sauce.’ And when He had dipped it, He gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.”

You mean to tell me Jesus *HONORED* JUDAS ISCARIOT?—the thief, the devil in flesh (read John 6:70). This is very misleading!

Acts 9:5

KJV—“And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.”

LBP—“‘Who is speaking, sir?’ Paul asked. And the voice replied, ‘I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city and await my further instructions.’”

Who has the right or authority to omit “*Lord*” and use “*sir*” in this verse, AND CHANGE THE NAME OF SAUL TO PAUL? AT THAT TIME the man was not *Paul*, but SAUL. Oh, yes, IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Acts 15:13-18

KJV—“And after they had held their peace,

James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up”

LBP—“When they had finished, James took the floor. ‘Brothers,’ he said, ‘listen to me. Peter has told you about the time God first visited the Gentiles to take from them a people to bring honor to His name. And this fact of Gentile conversion agrees with what the prophets predicted. For instance, listen to this passage from the prophet Amos: “Afterwards” (says the Lord), “I will return and renew the broken contract with David”””

This is one of the greatest passages on prophecy in the Bible. Notice that the LBP changes “*the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down*”

to "THE BROKEN CONTRACT WITH DAVID." *WHEN did God break His contract with David?* NEITHER DAVID NOR GOD EVER BROKE THE CONTRACT! The term "*tabernacle of David*" is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT and *should not be removed* from this great prophetic passage. Premillennial believers BELIEVE AND KNOW FROM GOD'S WORD that the tabernacle of David will be rebuilt and Jesus will sit on the throne of David—A LITERAL THRONE (Luke 1:26-33).

Acts 26:28

KJV — "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

When Paul testified before Agrippa, Paul asked him, "King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets?" Then Paul said, "I know that thou believest." Because the king was familiar with the prophecies of the Old Testament concerning the coming Messiah, he made the solemn and most heart-rending statement: "ALMOST thou persuadest me...."

There is no doubt that Paul's testimony moved the king; the Word of God convicted him—and he was ALMOST PERSUADED TO RECEIVE JESUS AS SAVIOUR, but he did not.

The *Paraphrase* really butchered verse 28.
Notice:

LBP — “*Agrippa interrupted him. ‘With trivial proofs like these, you expect me to become a Christian?’*”

This has distorted the entire meaning of the passage, and I do not believe this is what the king said! *Do you?*

Romans 14:23

KJV — “*And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*”

To me that is very clear. During my ministry I have preached from that great verse many times; I believe what it says! But notice the *Paraphrase*:

LBP — “*But anyone who believes that something he wants to do is wrong shouldn’t do it. He sins if he does, for he thinks it is wrong, and so for him it is wrong. Anything that is done apart from what he feels is right is sin.*”

Does *man* determine what is right and what is wrong? If that is true, there is no way for a

Christian to live without causing others to stumble—BECAUSE you know, and *I* know, that MEN DO NOT AGREE ABOUT WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG! *MAN does not set the standard as to what is sin and what is not sin. GOD DID THAT*—and what you and I think about it does not count!

II Corinthians 5:21

KJV — “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

LBP—“For God took the sinless Christ and poured into Him our sins. Then, in exchange, He poured God’s goodness into us!”

GOD DID NOT “POUR OUR SINS INTO CHRIST”! Christ *had* no sin! Christ *did* no sin! “. . . neither was guile found in His mouth” (I Peter 2:22). Jesus “bare our sins in His own body on the tree . . .” (I Peter 2:24)—but bearing our sins in His (Jesus’) body is quite different from *having our sins POURED INTO HIM (CHRIST)*. The MAN Christ Jesus did bear our sins, carried our iniquities to the cross. “But HE was wounded for *our* transgressions,

HE was bruised for *our* iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was UPON HIM; and with HIS STRIPES we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

NOWHERE IN GOD’S WORD DOES IT IMPLY THAT GOD “POURED OUR SINS” INTO CHRIST JESUS THE LORD!

Ephesians 5:25, 26

KJV — “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the Word.”

LBP — “And you husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the Church when He died for her, to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God’s Word.”

Writing to the church at Ephesus, Paul sets forth the relationship of Christ and the Church in terms like unto the relationship of husband and wife. He declares that Christ is the head of the Church, He loved the Church, and “gave Himself for it.” The *LBP* says He did this “to make her holy and clean, **WASHED BY BAPTISM AND GOD’S WORD.**” *Baptism* has

nothing to do with making either *one member* of the Church holy or *the Church as a whole* (the Body of Christ) holy!

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In this booklet I have given **JUST A FEW** of the verses changed, added to, taken from, or made to say something entirely different from the Authorized King James Version.

FRANKLY, as I searched the *Paraphrase* hour after hour—comparing it with **THE WORD OF GOD**—**I BECAME SICK IN MY HEART**. Several times as I studied in preparing this little book, I was forced to leave my study and go outside for **FRESH AIR!** This is the **TRUTH**.

I have been studying and preaching God's Word for nearly forty years, and I have respected and honored the Word with **REVERENCE** and **FEAR**—**BECAUSE** the Bible tells me God *highly honors* His Word. In fact, I read: "...**THOU (God) hast MAGNIFIED THY WORD** *above all thy name*"! (Psalm 138:2). Think of it! **God HONORS AND MAGNIFIES HIS WORD ABOVE ALL HIS NAME!**

This being true, I ask you: Does any man have the right to paraphrase God's Word and call it "*The Living Bible*"? I consider it a

very serious matter to tamper with the Word of God—and the *LBP* does just that! It should be called a *Commentary*, not a Bible—or, as someone has so aptly said, “a second-hand Bible,” for the God-breathed Word of God has been filtered through the mind of a man who wrote down what he thought the Scripture should say, using his own words.

Let me close this booklet by repeating this **SOLEMN WARNING FROM GOD’S HOLY WORD:**

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, *If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book*” (Revelation 22:18,19).

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